





## To-day's Advertisements.

AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.

GRAND CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME.

ALI BABA,

AND THE

FORTY THIEVES.

DATES OF PERFORMANCES.

EVENING,

6th and 9th January, 1899.

AFTERNOON,

4th January, 1899.

Evening Performances to commence at

9 p.m., Afternoon, at 5.15 p.m.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Reserved Seats, \$2.

Unreserved Seats, \$1.

Children Half-price to Afternoon Per-

formances.

After 10 p.m., each Evening, Admission \$1.

Tickets can be obtained at Messrs LAY,

CRAWFORD &amp; Co., or at the Doors.

Hongkong, December 31, 1899. 2292

THE CHINESE AMUSEMENTS

SYNDICATE, LIMITED.

IT is hereby notified, for the information

of the Public, that the SYNDICATE'S

GROUNDS at BOWRASTON are Temporarily

CLOSED.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. A. BARRETT,

Secretary.

Hongkong, December 31, 1899. 2462

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

FAK OUP.

SEVEN SHOTS at 300 Yards. Position

Standing. Seven Shots at 300

Yards. Position—Sitting or kneeling.

To be won 3 times before becoming any Mem-

ber's absolute property. Winners to be

penalized 5 points after winning it once,

and 7 points after winning it twice.

The Sixty Competitors will take place

NEXT SATURDAY, the 4th January,

1899, at 3 p.m. Intending Competitors

must send me 30 Cents Entrance Fee,

not later than 5 p.m. next Friday, the 3rd

day of January.

A. SHELTON HOOPER,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, December 31, 1899. 2470

THE NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE

COMPANY, LIMITED.

Final DIVIDEND for the year 1898,

being a return to SHAREHOLDERS

of 3% on the Net Contributory Premia, is

now declared.

WARRANTS will be Payable at the HONG-

KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

on and after WEDNESDAY, the 8th Prox.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

W. H. PERCIVAL,

Acting Secretary.

Shanghai, December 26, 1899. 2163

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

REQUIREMENT FOR THE POST OF INTER-

PRETOR in the POLICE OFFICE at

SINGAPORE, an Interpreter having a good

knowledge of ENGLISH, of the CHINESE

WRITTEN CHARACTER and of two or more of

the following dialects of Chinese—

FOKIAN, TEHCHU, CANTONESE, HAKKA

and HAINAN.

Salary \$800 per annum.

The selected Candidate will be required

to pass a Medical examination as to his

physical fitness for service.

Examination of Candidates for the above

position will be held at the GOVERNMENT OFFICES,

HONGKONG, on THURSDAY the 9th

Proximo, at 2.00 p.m. Candidates should

send to the SECRETARY, Board of Ex-

aminers, Government Offices, before Mon-

day the 6th, at Noon, their Applications

containing Testimonials and stating what

dialects they wish to be examined in.

F. H. MAY,

Honorary Secretary,

Board of Examiners.

Hongkong, December 31, 1899. 2469

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo

are requested to send in their Bills of

Lading to the Undersigned for counters-

ignature, and to take immediate delivery.

This Cargo has been landed and stored at

their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected

From Singapore or Ceylon.

E. A. 37 Casks TILES, transhipment Cargo

from Barcelona ex str. Y. de Loyola.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, December 31, 1899. 2465

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE AND

HAMBURG.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to

ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTER-

DAM, LONDON, LIVERPOOL

and BREMEN.)

The Steamship

Iphigeneia,

Captain L. VOLZMANN, will be

despatched for the above

Ports on THURSDAY, the 9th

January, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, December 31, 1899. 2467

ONAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo &amp; Passengers at through rates

for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW

CHANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and

Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship

Dionaea,

Captain BARTLEY, will be

despatched as above on

THURSDAY, the 9th January.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, December 31, 1899. 2471

## To-day's Advertisements.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,

LIMITED.

FOR SAIGON.

The Co.'s Steamship

Haiphong,

Captain HARRIS, will be

despatched for the above

Ports on THURSDAY, the 2nd January, at

Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LARRAIE &amp; Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, December 31, 1899. 2472

STEAM TO MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Steamship

San Narciso,

Captain MONROE, will be

despatched as above on

THURSDAY, the 2nd January, at 3

p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, December 31, 1899. 2466

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship

Ningpo,

Capt. R. KILLEN, will be

despatched for the above

Ports on THURSDAY, the 2nd January,

1899, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN &amp; Co.

Hongkong, December 31, 1899. 2461

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE

ITALIANA

(FLORENCE &amp; RUBATTONI UNITED COMPANIES.)

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, BOMBAY,

Having connection with Company's Mail

Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,

MESSINA, NAPLES, (LEGHORN),

and GENOA; all Mediterranean,

Adriatic, Levantine and South Asiatic

can ports, up to Calcutta. Taking Cargo

at through rates to PERSIAN GULF

and BAGDAD.

The Co.'s Steamship

De Nager, Master, will

be despatched as above

on MONDAY, the 6th January, 1899, at

Noon.

At Bombay the Steamers are discharging

in VICTORIA DOCK.

For further Particulars regarding Freight

and Passage, apply to

CARLOWITZ &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, December 31, 1899. 2469

OHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,

LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND

PORTS, SYDNEY &amp; MELBOURNE

The Co.'s Steamship

Tianan,

Commander,

will be despatched as

above on MONDAY, the 20th January, at

4 p.m.

The attention of Passengers is directed

to the Superior Accommodation offered by

this Steamer. First-class Saloon and Cabins

are situated forward of the Engines.

Second-class Passengers are berthed

behind the Engines.

For supply of Fresh Provisions during the

entire voyage. A daily qualified Surgeon is

carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, December 31, 1899. 2464

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR HAVRE, LONDON, HAMBURG

AND ANTWERP.

The Steamship

Denbighshire,

Captain VIVIAN, will be

despatched on or about

the 20th January.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, December 31, 1899. 2460

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor

Owners will be Responsible for any

Debt contracted by the Officers or

Crew of the following Vessels, during

their stay in Hongkong Harbour—

B. P. CHINESE, American ship, Capt. E.

E. Humphreys—Order.

GREAT ADMIRAL, American ship, Captain

James F. Rowell—Melchers &amp; Co.

LILLIS BAKER, American barque, Capt.

Jas. W. Carty—Master.

NELLIE M. SLADE, American barquentine,

Capt. J. L. Teixeira—Captain.

SAM MENDEL, British barque, Capt. D.

Gower—Captain.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,

LIMITED.

MANUFACTURERS

OF

AERATED WATERS.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

FROM JANUARY 1st we shall supply

SODA AND AERATED WATER

in extra large size bottles only,

unless the ordinary bottle is specially

ordered by our customers. This

'Bombay' size is the largest Aerated

Water bottle made, and gives a great

advantage to the consumer.

The Quality will be maintained as usual,

equal to anything turned out in

the East.

Price, Cents 50 per dozen.

S Y R U P E D W A T E R S

will be SUPPLIED

in Ordinary Size Bottles as before.

Telephone No. 60.

Nos. 22 &amp; 24, QUEEN'S ROAD

CENTRAL.

2456

THE HALL & HOLTZ  
Co-op. Co., Limited.

ARE NOW OFFERING THE REMAINDER OF THEIR STOCK

OF

FANCY GOODS

AT A REDUCTION OF

25 per cent.

OFF MARKED PRICES.

INCLUDING

CHILDREN'S TOYS, RUBBER and WASHABLE DOLLS.

FANCY LEATHER GOODS, FANCY GLASS ORNAMENTS.

FANCY PLUSH CHAIR and PIN CUSHIONS.

PHOTO FRAMES, ALBUMS.

PAINTED PLACQUES, CLOCKS, BONBONS, &amp;c. &amp;c.

THE HALL &amp; HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE LTD.

Hongkong, December 31, 1899. 2468

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

December 30, 1899:—

China, German steamer, 1899, J. Bruhl,

Singapore and Uthmaniyah Dec. 29, General.

Melchers &amp; Co.

Dardanis, British steamer, 1,491, T.

Purdy, Nagasaki (Japan) December 26,

Coal—BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE.

December 31:—

Don Juan, Spanish steamer, 654, Jose

M. Marques, Manila Dec. 28, General.

BRAND &amp; Co.

Ganges, British steamer, 2,110, Alderton,

Shanghai December 28, Mails and General.

P. &amp; O. S. N. Co.

Chow Fa, British steamer, 1,057, F. W.

Phillips, Bangkok December 23, General.

YUN FAT HONG.

Store Nordiske, Danish steamer, 596, E.

Sundson, from a cruise December 29, Bal-

last, G. N. TROBORG.

Ningpo, German steamer, from Wham-

po.

Pookang, British steamer, from Wham-

po.

Sin Nenging, British steamer, 670, R.

Moncur, Manila December 28, General.

JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co.

Clara, German steamer, 674, C. Christen-

sen, Haiphong December 28, General.—A.

R. MARY.

DEPARTURES.

December 31:—

Yuen Sang, for Swatow.

Dei Kiang, for Bangkok.

Japan, for Singapore and Calcutta.

Deception, for Singapore and London.

Pookang, for Shanghai.

Chiquen, for Shanghai.

Store Nordiske, for a cruise.



**THE LOWEST OF HUMAN BEINGS**  
The advertising columns of the London newspapers have recently announced a theatrical performance to be given by three Indians at three times a day in view of the audience at the Aquarium. At 2.6, and 10 o'clock the spectators have enjoyed the privilege of seeing these specimens of the extraordinary type of American savages have been taken from the Forest of Evered near the falls to pierce with their fingers and devour it practically raw.

This family of Ora Indians, are the only representatives of their large tribe that have ever been taken from their home.

The thing about the Ora which most stimulates scientific interest and popular curiosity is the fact that they are regarded by

was chasing her reality, what she seen at the place there. He says she refused to eat any kind of food for eight days. On the fifth day he placed the carcass of a sheep beside her. Breakfast (then) began, three hours later, and when it was over, as Mr. Strangeth asserts, with great solemnity, the body of the dead woman was laid in dimensions and the sheep had almost entirely disappeared.

Low as these miserable creatures are on the scale of humanity, it can hardly be so that some of the poorest of the Shoshone Indians, who are the poorest of the country, should be higher placed. Some of the trothed lives in Nevada and other parts of the Great Basin, living in holes dug in hill sides, or merely sheltered by brush here and there, eating food that most other savages would not touch. The most recent specimen of mankind in North America, says the Western historian, Banfill, says, it hardly possible to conceive a lower phase of humanity. — *N. Y. Sun.*

THE Sultan kissed the Sultan, And the Sultan kissed his back: But each says the other knew 'Twas but a fishing crack.

STRANGER—Going, will you direct me the nearest bank? Street-Gambler—Will, 25 cents. Stranger—Twenty-five cent. Isn't that big? Gambler—Bank directors always get big pay, mister. — *N. Y. Sun.*

'Rich and rare were the gems she wore'  
When also was 'dressed to kill,'  
And terrible were the oaths she swore  
When she saw the fellow  
— *Norristown Herald.*

EX-QUEEN ISABELLA has been a good deal abused about late hours and red-pepper suppers, but she is a lively old lady in her thirty-first year and beats on a bull fight as keen

It beats the deuce how some men pray  
And very pious alack the head—  
When age puts sin beyond their reach  
And each desire for wrong is dead!  
What can no longer is delight  
'Tis easy then to do what's right,  
—*Youngtown Telegram.*

**Quotations.**

**HONGKONG, December 31.**

CPIUMU—New Patna, cash,	515/517
" Old "	cash, 515
" New Benares, cash,	512 1/2/515
" Old "	cash, —
" For Malwa, cash,	530
" Allowance, Teels,	32/48
" Old Malwa, cash,	540
" Allowance, Teels,	32/43
" Persian, Gily, cash,	500/520
" Allowance, Teels,	16/48
" Persian, Paper, teel,	520/48
" Allowance, Teels,	—

**Exchange.**

**HONGKONG, December 31.**

**On London—**

Bank, Wire,	...
" On demand,	...
" 30 days sight,	...
" 4 months sight,	...

**Credits, 4 "

8 1/2

**Documentary, 4 months' sight,

3 1/2

**DE PARIS—******

On Demand, ...	761
On New York ...	761
On Demand, ...	774
Credit, 60 days sight, ...	774
On Bombay—	
Wire, ...	252
On Demand, ...	252
On Calcutta—	253
Wire, ...	253
On Demand, ...	223
On Shanghai—	
On Demand, ...	72
30 days sight, private, ...	72
Gold Leaf, 100 fine ...	\$52.70
Sovereigns ...	86.32

**Temperature.**

Taken at Messrs Halcouper & Co.'s Premises  
(Queen's Road.)

BAROMETR—	9 A.M.	26.08
Do.	1 P.M.	26.00
Do.	4 P.M.	25.90
THERMOMETER—	9 A.M.	68
Do.	1 P.M.	67
Do.	4 P.M.	67
Do.	(Wet bulb)	63
Do.		63

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